

TOPIC: VP in Pasewalk

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EVALUATION

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DATE OF CONTENT 11 January to 10 March 1953

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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SOURCE

1. A total of 17 four-wheel guns of about 105-mm caliber were entrained in Pasewalk from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. on 30 January 1953. Source learned that the shipment to which about 100 VPs with red-bordered black and violet service color belonged was dispatched in the direction of Neu-brandenburg. The approach roads from the area of Viereck were blocked during the entrainment. <sup>1</sup>
2. On 11 January, General Chuikov paid an unexpected visit to the Soviet liaison general in Pasewalk. It was later rumored that the VP headquarters and the training unit would soon move to the new camp in Karpin.
3. On 15 January, source noticed that the officers of the Soviet liaison staff in Pasewalk wore black-red-gold cockades on their caps instead of the Soviet star they had previously worn. The former Schreiber restaurant which was used as officers' mess for Soviet officers daily catered to about 280 officers including 200 of the Soviet training staff. <sup>2</sup>
4. A VP company with red-bordered black service color with baggage which had been stationed at the Kavallerie Kaserne was entrained for an unknown destination between 17 and 20 January. No gun training was observed after the transfer of this company. <sup>1</sup>
5. About 40 prime movers and tractors parked in front of the Henschel magazine at the Kavallerie Kaserne on 20 February.

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7. In February 1953, the Dienst fuer Deutschland in Pasewalk was dissolved, allegedly in an effort to make personnel available for agricultural work. 3
8. From 18 January to 5 March, Pasewalk was still occupied as previously, although considerably fewer VPs was seen in the streets. Two new wooden buildings on the premises of the former resettler camp on Prenzlauer Chaussee were occupied by the construction staff for the Eggesin restricted area.

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10. In the afternoon on 27 February, trucks [ ] occupied by personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets entered the Kuerassier Kaserne in Pasewalk which was occupied to capacity. 25X1B
11. About 150 officers and 900 to 1,000 VPs participated in the ceremony on the occasion of the death of Stalin in Pasewalk on 9 March. About 50 percent of the personnel wore red-bordered black epaulets, about 33 percent had yellow-bordered black epaulets and the others had red service color. 4
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1. [ ] Comment. Elements of the AAA regiment of Armeegruppe Nord stationed at Pasewalk probably departed, possibly for practices with live ammunition. 25X1A
2. [ ] Comment. The Soviet instruction and liaison officers with the KVP who wear KVP uniforms can scarcely be distinguished from KVP officers. 25X1A
3. [ ] Comment. Information on the dissolution of the Dienst fuer Deutschland was previously submitted. [ ] 25X1A
4. [ ] Comment. The red-bordered black epaulets belong to the AAA regiment of Armeegruppe Nord, the yellow-bordered black ones to the signal battalion of Armeegruppe Nord and the red ones to headquarters elements of Armeegruppe Nord.

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